

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY		
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MOHAMMED ABUROMI ,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	Civil Action No. 17-8846 (ES) (MAH)
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v.	:	MEMORANDUM
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GLOBE LIFE ACCIDENT	:	
INSURANCE COMPANY,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	
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The Court previously granted *pro se* Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (D.E. No. 2). At that time, however, the Court was unable to screen the Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) because only the cover page and the signature page of Plaintiff's Complaint were filed. (See D.E. No. 1). Accordingly, the Court granted Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, but dismissed the Complaint *without prejudice* so Plaintiff could file a complete Complaint. (See D.E. No. 2). Thereafter, Plaintiff filed his Complaint. (See D.E. No. 3).

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Here, the basis for subject matter jurisdiction that Plaintiff invokes is diversity of citizenship pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332. (*See* D.E. No. 3 ¶ 2). Under § 1332(a), a district court has subject-matter jurisdiction in civil actions where the parties are citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. Although it appears that the two parties here are citizens of different states, Plaintiff expressly states that the amount in controversy is \$55,000 (*id.* ¶ 2(B)(3)) and, in fact, he seeks this amount as damages (*id.* ¶ 4). Thus, Plaintiff does not meet the amount-in-controversy requirement under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because the amount in controversy here is \$55,000, not \$75,000.

Accordingly, the Court must dismiss the Complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. An appropriate Order accompanies this Memorandum.

s/ Esther Salas
Esther Salas, U.S.D.J.